STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

DEPARTMENTOF HEALTH

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

No. C96-159

In the matter of: ROBERT J. NORTON, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Section 5-37-5.2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, a Final Order was filed with the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter referred to as "Board") by the State of Florida, Board of Medicine, which states that Robert J. Norton, M.D., Respondent, entered into a consent agreement with the State of Florida, Board of Medicine. This Final Order and Consent Agreement is attached. The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline incorporates the Stipulated Facts, Stipulated Conclusions of the Law and Stipulated Disposition as agreed to by the State of Florida, Board of Medicine and the Respondent.

The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline alleges that the Respondent has violated Rhode Island General Laws 5-37-5.1(21) for acts in the State of Florida which are grounds for discipline in Rhode Island.

A true and correct copy of the Administrative Complaint and Final order is attached as Exhibit "A".

The parties agree as follows:

- (1) The Respondent is a physician who is licensed in the State of Rhode Island, allopathic license number 4791.
- (2) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
- (3) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of Investigating Committee I of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This Consent Order is not binding on the Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
 - (4) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;

- e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
- f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
- g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
- h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;
- i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order.
- (5) Acceptance of this Consent-Order constitutes an admission by the Respondent of the facts set forth herein.
- (6) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and by the Board. It shall be published as the Board, in its exercise of its discretion, shall determine.

- (7) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
- (8) Respondent voluntarily accepts the Board's findings. Respondent must conform to the terms of the Stipulated Disposition entered into with the State of Florida.

Signed this

day of august 1997.

Robert J. Norton, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held on August 13, 1997.

Patricia A. Nolan, MD, MPH
Director of Health
Chairperson
Board of Medical Licensure and
Discipline